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SUBJECT: UN COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA COMMUNIQUE ON VISIT TO
OTTAWA

TODAY'S UN DOCUMENTATION CONTAINS TEXT OF "COMMUNIQUE ISSUED
AT OTTAWA ON 11 MARCH 1977 BY THE (UN COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA)
MISSION TO CANADA", UN DOCUMENT A/AC.131/60. TEXT OF
COMMUNIQUE READS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE CONSULTATIONS WITH GOVERNMENTS OF MEMBER STATES

COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT OTTAWA ON 11 MARCH 1977 BY THE
MISSION TO CANADA

1. THE MISSION EXPRESSED ITS THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHOM IT
HAD MET FOR THE MANIFEST CONCERN SHOWN BY THEM OVER THE
REFUSAL OF SOUTH AFRICA TO WITHDRAW FROM NAMIBIA. THIS
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WAS EXPRESSED TO THE MISSION BY OFFICIALS OF THE GOVERNMENT,
BY INDIVIDUAL PARLIAMENTARIANS, AND BY SOME NON-GOVERNMENTAL
ORGANIZATIONS. THE UNITED NATIONS GOAL OF AN INDEPENDENT
NAMIBIA, AS A UNITARY STATE, ON THE BASIS OF SELF-DETER-
MINATION AND MAJORITY RULE, FREE OF THE ILLEGAL PRESENCE OF
SOUTH AFRICA, WAS CLEARLY SHARED BY THEM.

2. THE MISSION HELD SUBSTANTIVE TALKS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, FOLLOWED BY A CORDIAL MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND VERY USEFUL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

3. A REVIEW WAS MADE OF THE LATEST EVENTS IN NAMIBIA, PARTICULARLY THE SO-CALLED CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE, THE INTENSIFICATION OF REPRESSIVE POLICIES IN THE TERRITORY BY THE AUTHORITIES OF THE PRETORIA REGIME, THE INCREASE IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY PRESENCE IN NAMIBIA, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SECURITY ZONE IN NAMIBIA IN THE AREA OF THE BORDER WITH ANGOLA AND SOUTH AFRICA'S PERSISTENT REFUSAL TO WITHDRAW FROM THE TERRITORY DESPITE REPEATED APPEALS BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

4. THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA REITERATED ITS SUPPORT FOR THE POSITION THAT NAMIBIA IS THE DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND REITERATED ITS NON-RECOGNITION OF ANY FORM OF SOUTH AFRICAN AUTHORITY OVER NAMIBIA AND THE LEGAL CONSEQUENCES FLOWING THEREFROM.

5. THE GOVERNMENT ALSO REITERATED ITS WARNING THAT CANADIAN COMPANIES INVESTING IN NAMIBIA WERE DOING SO AT THEIR OWN RISK AND WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OR PROTECTION OF THEIR GOVERNMENT.

6. THE GOVERNMENT FURTHER STATED THAT IT WOULD CONSIDER CAREFULLY ANY PROPOSAL FOR A MANDATORY ARMS EMBARGO
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AND ECONOMIC SANCTIONS TO BE IMPOSED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF NAMIBIA. IN THAT CONTEXT, THE MISSION EXPRESSED ITS CONCERN ABOUT THE DANGERS OF A MILITARY BUILD-UP OF THE ILLEGAL SOUTH AFRICAN OCCUPATION FORCES IN NAMIBIA.

7. THE MISSION, ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL, THANKED THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA FOR ITS EARLIER CONTRIBUTION OF \$CAN 100,000 TO THE UNITED NATIONS INSTITUTE FOR NAMIBIA. THE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER ASSISTANCE TO THE INSTITUTE AND THE UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR NAMIBIA WAS DISCUSSED WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND WAS TAKEN UP AGAIN SUBSEQUENTLY IN GREATER DETAIL WITH THE CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CIDA). CANADIAN OFFICIALS ALSO TOLD THE MISSION THAT THEIR GOVERNMENT WAS CONSIDERING A CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE IN SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLES OF ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA TO BE HELD AT MAPUTO, FROM 16 TO 21 MAY 1977. END QUOTE
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